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ADJUTANT GENERAL CLAIMED BY DEATH

BRIG. GEN. W. W. MOORE ENDS LONG LIFE OF SERVICE TO STATE, AFTER SEEING HIS LATEST AMBITION ALMOST REALIZED.

Columbia, June 17.—Brig. Gen. William Woodbury Moore, the adjutant general of South Carolina, died at the Columbia hospital last night at 7 o'clock from diabetic trouble and an operation to remove a carbuncle from his neck. General Moore, although suffering from diabetes for a long time, had been in his office all last week and only Monday was forced to remain at home from his office.

Yesterday morning attending physicians decided to carry the adjutant general to the Columbia hospital to operate for the carbuncle. The general went on the operating table about 1 o'clock but never regained consciousness, dying shortly after 7 o'clock.

Word of the death of the military commander of the state spread over the city, especially among his intimate friends, and cast a deep sorrow over many homes. General Moore was loved and admired by people all over the state, numbering his friends by the thousands. His death came as a distinct shock, even his office associates not realizing the serious condition the beloved National Guard commander was in until a short time before the end came.

It was the fate of General Moore to live just long enough to see the South Carolina National Guard reorganized since the war, his efforts again to place the militia on a sound footing in the state having just brought forth a complete regiment of infantry. Only Tuesday a colonel of the regiment was elected. General Moore had worked untiringly to rebuild the guard and just when he had succeeded he was removed from life.

"FRYING SIZE" CHICKEN PRECIPITATES SHOOTING

Laurens Farmer Shoots Brother After Petty Dispute—In Hospital With Bad Wound

Laurens, June 15.—Joel Blackwell, a young farmer of the Tumbling Shoals section of Sullivan township, is under bond for his appearance in court of general sessions on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, it being alleged that the accused shot his brother, Frank Blackwell, after striking him on the head with a pistol. The wounded man was shot in the thigh and it was stated today that his condition was not showing symptoms of improvement.

The shooting occurred at the home of the Blackwells as the brothers were living in the same house and farming together. It is said the difficulty between the two brothers was the result of the killing of a frying sized chicken. It seems that Joel Blackwell and his wife were absent from home last Sunday. Frank decided he would have chicken for dinner and used one of his brother's birds. That night when Joel came home trouble was started over the incident. The quarrel is said to have started in the house but soon got too warm in there and overflowed into the yard, where it is alleged, Joel struck his brother over the head with his pistol. In the scuffle that ensued Frank caught hold of the barrel of the revolver, it is stated, and as he shoved Joel away from him the weapon was discharged, either intentionally or accidentally, a point that will have to be cleared up before a jury, it now seems. The principals in the affair are the sons of Jimmie D. Blackwell, of the county.

HUGHES REBUKES COLONEL HARVEY

SECRETARY OF STATE TELLS BROWN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI THAT WE FOUGHT TO OPPOSE TYRANNY AND NOT SIMPLY "TO SAVE OUR SKINS"

Providence, R. I., June 15.—Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes told a gathering of his fellow alumni of Brown university today that it was not desirable that America's helpful influence should be frittered away "by relating ourselves unnecessarily to political questions which involve rivalries of interest abroad with which we have no proper concern." "It is equally true," he continued "that we cannot escape our relation to the economic problems of the world."

He said the prosperity of this country largely depended upon the economic settlements which might be made in Europe and that the key to the future was with those who made and control those settlements. America, the exemplar of free institutions, aiding humanity in their preservation, he said, called forth the supreme endeavor in the world war.

"This sentiment is still with us," he added. "We have not lost, the capacity for the high and unselfish endeavor which linked us in an unexampled unity and joy of service in the crisis of the great war. The springs of faith, of mutual trust, of imperialistic designs and cunning purpose or to protect a land where avarice might find its surest reward. They offered their lives and all the energies of the country were harnessed in the supreme effort, because we loved the institutions of liberty and intended to maintain them, because we hated tyranny and the brutality and ruthlessness which found expression in the worship of force and because we found our fate linked with that of the free peoples who were struggling for the preservation of the essentials of freedom. With them we made common cause and, as from one end of the country to the other rang appeals in the name of civilization itself, the whole nation responded."

"It would not be fitting for me at this time to discuss our foreign relations. But I am glad to say that the message of America is one of cordial friendship to all nations. We have no subtleties, no duplicity of meaning, no soft words to conceal a purpose of self-aggrandizement at others' expense. The only method of diplomacy we know is that of candid discussion of the merits of problems. This we think is the way to prosper a cause believed to be just and we shall advance no other."

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF BIBLE SOCIETY

At the meeting held yesterday in this city, the board of directors of the Abbeville District Bible Society made plans for the annual meeting to be held July 27, with Shiloh Methodist church. This is the second time since the society's organization that the annual meeting has been held away from Abbeville, it having met last year at Due West.

Present at the meeting yesterday were Dr. J. D. McCain, president; Mr. John Pressley, secretary; Mr. A. B. Morse, treasurer; Dr. F. Y. Pressley, Mr. R. S. Galloway, Mr. J. Allen Smith and Dr. S. G. Thomson.

The Abbeville District Society is perhaps the second oldest organization of its kind in the country, it having been instituted only a few years after the beginning of the New York society. It has been continuous active since its early founding, having for its purpose the distribution of the Bible at home and abroad. The national society, through the cooperation of its local auxiliaries has translated the Bible into practically every language, and gives away free every year thousands of copies.

CONFLICT COMES IN G. O. P. RANKS

DIVISION OF OPINION OVER EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICAL PLUMS CAUSES SPLIT—LODGE AND WILLIS OPPOSE.

Washington, June 16.—Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and Willis, of Ohio, who nominated President Harding at Chicago are on the war path over some of the recent appointments made by the President.

Senator Lodge has expressed open dissatisfaction with the nomination of Prof. Julius Klein, of Harvard University, to be director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and at his request the Senate commerce committee deferred action today on the nomination until tomorrow when an executive hearing is expected. Prof. Klein was chosen by Secretary Hoover and it was reported today that the President had sent the nomination to the Senate without consulting the Republican leader.

Senator Willis is continuing his opposition to the appointment of Charles H. Nauts, of Toledo, to be collector of internal revenue for the Tenth Ohio District. Both he and senator Lodge were White House callers today, but neither saw the President. On leaving the White House, Senator Willis declared that he would oppose Mr. Nauts to the end.

The Ohio Senator inquired today how confirmation of Mr. Nauts might be blocked and was informed that if he regarded Mr. Nauts as "personally objectionable" the Senate would follow a time honored custom of refusing confirmation. Senator Willis has filed a memorandum against Mr. Nauts with the Senate finance committee, which expects to take up the case Monday. It is to bear Senator Willis, the nominee and Walter F. Brown, the President's representatives on the Departmental reorganization committee, who is understood to have recommended Mr. Nauts.

Another patronage row reported brewing is over the nomination of Frank A. Linney, Republican State chairman of North Carolina to Federal District Attorney for North Carolina. He was endorsed by North Carolina Republican leaders, but is encountering opposition from influential Senators close to the administration, because of an alleged letter opposing voting last November by negroes.

DEATH OF MR. GILLELAND

News was received in Abbeville this morning of the death of Mr. A. J. Gilleland at his home in Atlanta. He was at one time head of the car repair shop of the Seaboard Shops here, and had been ill for several months.

Mr. Gilleland is survived by two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Ben Cason and Mrs. Ruth Fisher, of Atlanta, Mr. Guy Gilleland, of Hamlet, N. C., and Mr. Roy Gilleland, manager of the Co-operative Mercantile Company of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilleland left for Atlanta this morning.

CAPTAIN EASON HURT

Captain Bill Eason narrowly escaped serious injuries at Elberton this morning. He was on his freight train and when the train was pulling out of the depot, he attempted to board the cab while the train was in motion. On account of the darkness, it being at an early hour, he missed his footing and was thrown under the cab.

Fortunately no bones were broken, but the Captain suffered serious bruises about his legs which will cause him to rest for awhile. His clothing was torn almost completely off his body in the accident.

VERY LOW RATING FOR COUNTY GANG

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WELFARE BOARD CRITICISES MANAGEMENT AND MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

H. C. Breanley, assistant secretary of the State Board of Public Welfare, who visited the Abbeville county chaingang May 30, has submitted to his chief a report which comments unfavorably on certain portions of the gang and compliments the management on the excellence of the individual attention and humane treatment of prisoners. The report is made in detail on the point system, the score being 744 out of a possible 1000 points. Grading was made on camp and equipment, care of convicts, management, sanitation and discipline.

The report of the assistant secretary follows:

"The present equipment of the Abbeville County chaingang under Foreman D. E. Newell is in a very poor state of repair. The tent occupied by the trustees is full of small holes and the one used by the guards had no fly or second cover. The screens on the kitchen car are practically valueless, and several of the beds were in poor condition.

"In marked contrast with the lack of proper equipment was the excellent spirit of the management, the supervisor, the foreman, and the county physician all cooperating to give the prisoners individual care and attention. Especially to be commended is the order of the supervisor that the men be worked as far as possible without being driven to their tasks by the lash. This is in accord with the provision of the state constitution that forbids corporal punishment. The food supplied is above the average for county chaingangs.

"The chief needs of this camp are: A new tent for the negro trustees, repair of the screens on the kitchen car, more frequent washing of the bedding, and the practice of having all the refuse of the camp emptied into the soil pit every day and of covering it with at least three inches of earth.

"The gang encamped near Lowndesville was not visited because of the distance and the lack of time."

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED BY ORPHANAGE BOARD

Dr. L. Ross Lynn Makes Annual Report—Receives Commendation of Directors.

Mr. Amos B. Morse returned yesterday from Clinton where he went to attend the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Thornwell Orphanage, of which he is a member. The business of the board was of a perfunctory character, as no matters of importance were to be considered. The annual report of Dr. L. Ross Lynn, superintendent of the institution, was heard and approved, after which all of the administrative officials were elected to serve another year. There were present at the meeting of the board 18 out of 25 members from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The report of the superintendent showed the Orphanage in a flourishing condition, members of the board expressing the belief that the new year begins with perhaps the best outlook for the future of any year in its half century of existence. Dr. Lynn, in the short time he has been at the head of the institution has proved himself to be a man of unusual executive ability and has won the approval of Thornwell's supporters in three states. The health of the children is the best possible, Mr. Morse reports, and every facility is provided in the way of education.

MAGAZINE EDITOR ASKS INFORMATION

HAMILTON HOLT WRITES HARDING FOR EXPLANATION OF HIS PROPOSED "ASSOCIATION" AND REMINDS OF CAMPAIGN PROMISES

New York, June 16.—Hamilton Holt, magazine editor, who headed the delegation of pro-league Republicans that called on former President Wilson during the last presidential campaign, today made public a letter he had written President Harding asking him to explain to the American people the terms of the Harding Association proposed to supplant the Wilson League of Nations.

"If you delay much further, people everywhere will inevitably conclude that you have no concrete plan at all or else that you propose to put party harmony above world welfare," declared Mr. Holt. "In that event there will be nothing left for those who want America to play her rightful part in stabilizing the world but to organize the country so as to capture congress for the league in 1922 and presidency in 1924."

This, Mr. Holt asserted, could be done. He declared the league of nations and Bolshevism were the only great ideas that had come out of the war as world panaceas, and he asked the president whether he could guarantee that the world would not turn to Bolshevism, if it came generally to be believed that he had no plan at all for a substitute for the league.

"As president-elect, you did not see fit to disclose your attitude on the league beyond what you had said during the campaign. Both the 'thirty-one' and 'irreconcilables' claimed you for their own. As president, however you have unequivocally repudiated the existing league of nations, whose area comprises considerably more than half the earth and whose population numbers three quarters of the human race. You even permitted without rebuke, your ambassador at the Court of St. James's to say that you will have nothing to do with any 'commission or committee appointed by the league or responsible to it directly or indirectly, openly or furtively."

"You have, nevertheless, as presidential candidate, repeatedly promised during the campaign, and, as president, you have reiterated that promise, that you will seek to establish an association of nations based upon the application of justice and right, binding us in conference and co-operation for the prevention of war and pointing the way to a higher civilization and international fraternity in which all the world might share.

"You have not yet given the American people the slightest inkling of the terms of this Harding Association that you proposed shall supplant the Wilson league. Has not the time come, I respectfully ask, you to do this?"

HUBERT COX, LAWYER

Mr. Hubert Cox has successfully passed the bar examination and has been admitted to the practice of law. He came home this week and spent several days with home folks before taking on new honors.

Mr. Cox is to be married next Monday to Miss Bessie Taylor, of Columbia. On their return from their wedding trip they will live in Columbia where Mr. Cox will practice law.

FIRE DAMAGES BARN

The firemen responded to one alarm yesterday, a small roof blaze on D. Poliakoff's barn, on Bowie Street, being the cause of the run. The damage was slight.

Edinburgh, June 16.—Dr. C. C. McCullough of Fort William, Ontario, was today elected international president of the Rotary Club.

MELONS INCREASE SAYS CROP DATA

B. B. HARE, AGRICULTURAL STATISTICIAN, TELLS DEPARTMENT THAT THERE WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED PRODUCTION.

Sajuda, June 14.—According to report of B. B. Hare, agricultural statistician in charge of the crop reporting service in South Carolina for the bureau of crop estimates of the United States department of agriculture, the following estimates are noted which show the condition of the following crops on June 1:

Wheat 80 per cent. of normal; oats, 84; alfalfa, 91; hay 85; cowpeas, 83; rye, 86; cabbages, 90; onions, 91; peaches, 52; pears, 60; apples, 65; watermelons, 75; and cantaloupes, 70.

The report shows that the commercial acreage planted to watermelons this season will approximate 11,000 acres, cantaloupes 1,200 and cucumbers 1,500. Barnwell county appears to have the largest, if not the largest, shipping point. Other shipping points for melons are as follows: Barnwell, Lena, Furman, Allendale, Cave, Kline, Denmark, Ulmer, Scotia, Sycamore, Fairfax, Estill, Luray, Barton, Dunbarton, Hattiesville, Baldock, Appleton, Hilda, Olar and Tillman.

The indicated production of wheat in the state is 1,848,000 bushels, against 1,785,000 bushels last year.

The acreage of oats is shown to be 455,700 acres, or 5 per cent. more than last year. The condition of 84 per cent. forecasts a production of 10,481,000 bushels, or 65,000 bushels more than in 1920.

Peaches in central and western counties were seriously injured by frosts in April, while in the eastern part of the state, especially Chesterfield county, condition and yields are more satisfactory. Apples and pears did not suffer so much from late frosts as peaches though considerable injury is now being reported on account of blight.

During the early part of the year rainfall was abundant and farm work was delayed to a considerable extent. During a greater portion of the month nights were too cool and crop growth generally was very poor, except the last week of the crop reporting period when there was seasonal growth and development of all crops.

JUDGING OF BUTTER HELD NEXT TUESDAY

Miss Ruth Crowther, county demonstration agent, announces that the second judging in the butter contest will be held at the court house next Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Forney, specialist in dairying at Winthrop, will do the scoring and judging.

Miss Crowther says that she is anxious to have all the women of the community send butter to be exhibited in this contest. If it is sent Monday, the agent says that she will keep in refrigeration up to the hour the judging begins, so that it will remain fresh and in the best possible condition. Exhibits sent in, Miss Crowther says, will either be disposed of by sale or returned to the senders.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. David Shepperson, of Lake Village, Ark., who has been extended a call by the session to fill the vacancy which has existed in the Abbeville Presbyterian church since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Pratt more than a year ago, will occupy the pulpit of this church Sunday morning. Mr. Shepperson is a brother of the Rev. Flourney Shepperson who has recently accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Chester, and while he has not yet accepted the call here it is expected that he will do so.